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Commission takes no action on request to allow health dept. to impose fees for services



Coffee County Health Dept. Director Kenneth Ball reads proposed legislation that would allow the local department to impose fees for certain services. The commission discussed the proposed legislation, but tabled action until a later date.

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Feb. 22, at the courthouse in Elba and tabled a request from Coffee County Health Dept. director Kenneth Ball that the commission sponsor legislation authorizing the health department to begin charging fees for certain services offered by the department.

Ball informed the commission that 22 counties in the state currently charge for various services offered by county health departments and passed around a proposed piece of legislation that he requested the commission approve and send on to the state for passage into law.

"This legislation will give the county health department the authority to impose fees if additional funds are needed," stated Ball, "and with the skyrocketing costs of administering vaccines and the possibility of AIDS testing in the very near future, it is likely that funding for the department will be badly needed."

"Health department nurses administer 85 percent of the vaccines in the county and average seeing 100 patients per day, which is costly. If the legislation is passed the county commission will have the authority to approve or disapprove any fees that are recommended, which gives the commission the final say on what will be charged and what services will carry a fee."

The legislation given to the members of the commission stated

that the law would give the county Board of Health the authorization to designate the services rendered by the health department for which a reasonable fee may be charged, and also to set the appropriate fee for each service. Any fees charged would be subject to approval by the commission and all funds received for the services would go into the general fund of the county department.

Commissioner Jimmy Bryan voiced immediate opposition to the proposal and stated, "If we allow this we will be asking the taxpayers to pay twice! The services are already being offered by the department because of tax dollars, and by adding a fee it will mean the taxpayers will be forced to simply pay again for the services they have already paid for."

Commissioner Danusius Crittenden also voiced opposition to the proposal and declared, "I think if a fee system is imposed it will hurt the entire department. To receive the services at no charge, residents will have to provide information they might consider private, and many of those who would be eligible for free services wouldn't even sign up."

Ball stated that the department would provide free and discounted services to those in need and reported that federal guidelines were already in place, then said, "It states the legislation that no citizen shall be denied any service because of the person's inability to pay."

Commissioner Robert Stevens stated, "It's not fair to charge one person and not charge another, and I can't support the fee system. I realize the health department is doing a good job in Coffee County and across the state, but it's not right to penalize people who might be retired and happen to have been able to put aside a little money, or to penalize those people who pay taxes to support such programs."

"If we go to a fee system I think we'll see people begin to go to a doctor for services instead of going to the health department, and all we'll wind up with are those who receive the services free, which brings us back to where we are now."

Commissioner Eugene Bradley echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and stated, "It's like making some people pay twice for the same thing. The tax dollars are what keep the department open and then to charge those who have already paid the taxes just doesn't seem fair."

Commissioner Bill Faulk was the only commissioner who sided with Ball, and declared, "While I don't like the idea of fees for services, I do realize similar systems are working in other counties, and we may have to do something like it some day. I would like for the proposed legislation to be acted on by us so no current services will be affected."

Commissioner Billy Eagerton took no stand on the matter, but suggested that the entire matter be tabled to give the commissioners time to look into the proposal further and to discuss the plan with the county's legislators. The commission agreed with the idea to table the proposal and apparently will discuss it at a future meeting.

The 8-month meeting began at 9 a.m. and after routine approval of the minutes, the commission adopted a motion that would change the procedure involving letting of bids by the county.

Commissioner Billy Eagerton told county engineer Mark Post that several county businesses had expressed displeasure with not being asked to submit a bid on herbicide, and Eagerton told the engineer that something needed to be done to make sure that in future bidding all local businesses are notified.

The commission agreed that such a problem was one that could be avoided and voted to make it policy that whenever bids are mailed out a copy of those being asked to bid will be sent to each commissioner so that additional potential bidders may be added.

In other action concerning the health department, the commission voted to accept an offer from the Industrial Board of Enterprise to give the commission 30 acres of land

off Highway 167 for use as a new health department facility for the Enterprise division of the county.

Commissioner Sid Averett told the commissioners that the only requirement of the county was that the commission install sewer lines from the National Guard Army on Hwy 167 to the site of the 30 acres.

Commissioner Jimmy Bryan told his colleagues that "Nothing is free, especially when \$60,000 will be the cost of installing the pipe," and again stated that the county already owns land at the complex in New Brockton that could be used for the site of the department.

The commission discussed the offer and then accepted the offer, with the stipulation concerning the installation of sewer pipes, by a vote of 5-2, with commissioners Bryan and Stevens voting against the motion.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

- ***agreed to hold public hearings at the next two county commission meetings to discuss the grant application for extension and installation of rural water lines;
- ***passed a resolution accepting a \$6,000 grant to be used to inventory existing water lines in the county and to identify possible growth areas;
- ***heard the county engineer report that private road signs were still up on a public road near the Woodland Grove Community;
- ***agreed to send out invitations to bid on fuel, steel pilings and cold mix for the engineering department;
- ***was informed that power poles had been moved on the Bird Mill Loop, near New Brockton, and work would begin this week on a bridge that has been closed for several months;
- ***approved a request by the county engineer that county forces widen the entrance to a dirt road near Enterprise to allow heavy trucks to bypass a residential area;
- ***was informed by commission clerk Brunese Winston that any county employee working over 30 hours per week on a regular basis would have to be deemed a permanent employee and would be able to receive county benefits;
- ***heard Commissioner Crittenden report that at a recent meeting in Auburn it was urged that all county commissions support the "Home Rule" legislation;
- ***approved a request to purchase a heating system and fans for the multi-purpose building at the Farm Center in New Brockton;
- ***was reminded of an upcoming tour of the Farley Nuclear Facility.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at the courthouse in Elba.

Former Elba policeman asks council for cause of resignation

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was unusually long for this administration, but an hour and forty five minutes of it were spent in executive session concerning a request from a former police officer.

The meeting opened routinely with prayer, reading of the minutes of the last meeting and a report from Police Chief John White that matters in his department had been routine. However, former police officer Michael Patrick, who resigned several days ago, then addressed the council and said he wanted to know just why Chief White had asked him to resign.

Mayor Bob English asked White if he wanted to address that question in open meeting or would he prefer the council go into executive session. White stated it would be better if the matter were addressed in executive session, and five minutes into the council meeting the council went into executive session. This is allowed in Alabama law when "the good name or character of a person may be discussed."

All five council members were present at the meeting and the local citizens attending were the largest in number of any recent meeting. A number of these were present because of their interest in this police matter. After the council members had been in their private session for about 20 minutes, they called Mr. Patrick into the closed room. Following his time in the room, seven or eight other local citizens were called into the executive session after they expressed a

desire to testify in the matter.

The council came out of their executive session at 6:50 with the mayor announcing the council had voted unanimously to accept Chief White's recommendation that the city accept the resignation of Patrick. Later they made the motion and took the vote in open session when it was pointed out to them that no actions can be taken in these executive sessions. Again the vote was unanimous.

The Elba Rescue Squad committee on the proposal to renovate the former Gunter Dunn building was present with their report on the estimated cost of renovating the building for their use. According to spokesman Ricky Carlisle, the part of the building they would be using would amount to about two-thirds of the facility and the cost of getting this ready for use would be about \$20,000. It would also include some cosmetic improvements on the building, using a slanted roof, rather than the present flat roof, new ceiling and a 5-ton air conditioner. Carlisle noted some of the materials could be purchased at cost from a local building supply and that other area building professionals had offered their services; therefore the cost was being kept down. He responded to a council member however that these were not absolute figures and he couldn't promise that the cost would not run higher, once renovation was underway.

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Larry Lee, executive director of the South Alabama Regional Development Commission addressed the city council and announced that on March 14 a group of industrialists will be touring the area and will be in Elba during the afternoon. He said the group is made up of 75 people, 35 of them from Alabama and 40 from out-of-state and explained that they are decision-makers and are very important to industrial development in Alabama.

The council approved a resolution for the city to borrow \$40,000 to be used in paving streets and repairing curbs of the city and to be repaid from existing sources of revenue.

Inmate recaptured Tuesday after overpowering matron at county jail

A minimum security inmate who escaped from the Coffee County Jail in Elba early Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, was recaptured at approximately 8:30 a.m. Tuesday after track dogs from Troy led a search party to the home of the fugitive's father in Ozark.

Coffee County Chief Deputy Tom Weeks reported that John Andrew Warren, age 31, of Enterprise, escaped from the county jail at approximately 3:30 a.m. after overpowering jail matron Rebecca Whigham Sasser. Warren apparently entered the front of the jail in the early hours Tuesday morning and asked Sasser for

medicine after complaining he could not go to sleep.

Sasser, who as a minimum security prisoner, was housed downstairs, then reportedly grabbed the matron and held a sharp object to her neck, forcing her to accompany him from the jail and taking her car.

Sasser was released at approximately 6 a.m. near the Dale County-Barbour County line, and Warren later abandoned the vehicle five miles north of Arion. Dogs were called in to aid in the search for the escapee and the dogs led authorities to the home of Warren's father, where the escapee was found hiding.

Pancake breakfast March 5

The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m.

Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Farris and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make the "better than ever" fund-raising effort for sight conversation, according to a spokesman for the group.

Tickets are available from any Elba Lions member at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Free blood tests are again being offered at the event.

Also, the deposit box for old eye glasses will be moved to the

elementary school during the breakfast, so that citizens may still donate their old glasses.

"Remember," say the Lions, "what might be useless to you could be the means of sight to someone else."

Also, Elba Lions are currently sponsoring a poster design contest at the Elba Middle School to promote drug awareness and educate the public "say no" to this national menace.

Plans are to have some of these posters displayed at the pancake breakfast.

Final judging on the posters will be held March 9.



NATIONAL FFA WEEK PROCLAIMED... Elba Mayor Bob English is pictured above proclaiming the week of Feb. 20-27 as National FFA Week in Elba. Seated (L-R): FFA president Troy Kelley, Mayor English, and FFA advisor Michael Harrelson. (Standing, L-R): Barry Bryan, Matt Henderson, Farrell Dorsey, Jason Johnson, Brian Free, Chris Grantham.

FFA Week proclaimed

More than 23,000 FFA members in Alabama will promote FFA, high school agriculture, and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, Feb. 20-27.

This year's theme, "FFA - Agriculture's New Spirit," will be seen throughout community state-wide through promotional efforts of local members in over 350 FFA chapters and through a public service announcement campaign.

FFA activities and high school agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, innovative practices, and the application of both to the industry of agriculture.

"Agriculture is changing and FFA's role in preparing leaders for America's large industry is more vital today than ever. During FFA

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Hawaiian Sale

Wake Up Winter Appetites

Golden Ripe Bananas
399¢
Lbs.

Large Bunch California Broccoli
or Snow White California cauliflower
each bunch or head
99¢

Kiwi Fruit or Florida Limes
2 For 79¢

Juicy Sweet Fancy Pineapple
each \$1.49

Garden Fresh Cello Tomatoes
6 pak 99¢

Nature's Finest Coconuts
each 59¢

Plump Sweet Chilean Red Seedless Grapes
per lb.
89¢

U.S. No. 1 Sized Baking Potatoes
4 Lbs.
\$1

Fancy Washington State Danjou Pears
per lb.
49¢

LUCENT COOKWARE

18/8 STAINLESS STEEL

18/8 The Very Best Stainless:

Lucent Cookware is 18/8, the very best quality stainless steel. This high quality material creates a more durable, longer lasting, bright mirror finish that will not tarnish, pit or rust, and will stay carefree through years of use.

This fine quality cookware also features tri-ply bottoms, "see-thru" domed glass lids and is dishwasher safe.

Check the Weekly Savings Schedule in this ad and start your set of Lucent Cookware this week. Take advantage of our Weekly Specials and complete the entire Lucent 18/8 Stainless Steel Cookware Collection for your kitchen. This beautiful cookware will be a welcome addition to your home.

"SEE-THRU" GLASS LIDS

4 Quart Covered Dutch Oven
Feature Week Retail Only \$23.99
With \$10.00 or More Additional Purchase
Our Reg. Retail \$27.99

Here's This Week's LUCENT COOKWARE "WEEKLY SPECIAL"

Bakery-Deli

At Stores Where Available

Fresh Hot Glazed Donuts
dozen \$1.99

Hot Lunch Special
Includes: One 6-oz. Serving Of Meat, 2 Veggies, Roll or Cornbread
each \$2.59

Fresh Baked Homestyle Dinner Rolls
dozen \$1.09

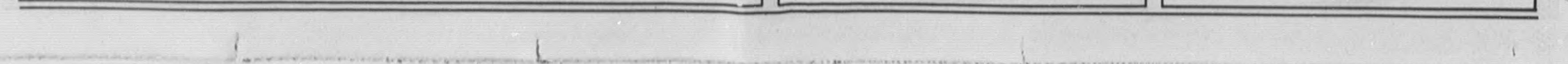
5" Bun Hot Bar-B-Q Sandwich
each \$1.29

Meadow Gold Supreme Ice Cream
1/2-gal. ctn.
\$2.99

Hy-Top Ice Cream Sandwiches
12-ct. pkg.
\$2.19

WIN \$10,000!
PEPSI • DIET PEPSI MOUNTAIN DEW • DIET MOUNTAIN DEW • PEPSI FREE • DIET PEPSI FREE

Pepsi Cola
2-liter btl.
\$1.39



COLORED BACKGROUND

BLEED THROUGH

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

The Coffee County Commission turned down a request from the health department to charge fees for the services they provide. This is probably right, since the purpose of the department in the beginning was to provide medical services to those of us who can't afford to go to a private medical facility. We approve of this vote.

Now we come to a vote we don't approve of at all. The commissioners accepted 31 acres of land in Enterprise to build a new health department facility. However, it is over a mile north of the National Guard Airport on Highway 167. This means anyone at all who wants to use the facility will have to get in their car and drive there. The commission will have to install over one mile of sewer lines, etc., at a cost of over \$60,000. We hate to admit we agree with Commissioner Jimmy Bryan, but he noted the county already owns land in New Brockton, and if folks are going to have to drive anyway, why not just drive to where we have property? That makes sense. Actually the commission should back up and find a downtown location for the health department building for the Enterprise division. We recommend the site they accepted Monday be left open for the peanut growers to continue "doing their thing."

We continue to get complaints about city crews doing work on private property. Sometimes we find work done but can't guarantee it was done by city crews. Other times we find there is a legal tie to the project and interest of the city. Tree-cutting is one that can be stretched just about as long as you want it to be. The city cuts any tree that is endangering power lines. Now that just about gets most any tree in the city, so if we want to we can find an excuse for most any one of them. We have a couple in our yard that need cutting - they could touch a power line - but folks, there ain't no way we would let city crews 75 or 100 feet into our yard to cut a tree, not the way we complain about their doings. They stopped at our house early this week with their trucks, ready to cut, but we thanked them and sent them on their way.

Elba High School apparently will be holding the annual junior-senior prom at Ft. Rucker this year. We are hearing complaints about this already from parents and non-parents. We called the high school principal, superintendent and two board members on this matter and didn't find anyone with a lot of concern over the complaints. We heard "It is what the kids want." "We don't want to mess up the gym floor." "They just told us about it." The concern is over the extra traveling to and from Ft. Rucker when parents are already walking the floor with thoughts of the horror stories they have read about from other prom nights and car wrecks. Our thoughts on messing up the gym floor are that we could keep the students out of the school house and off the school buses. This would make them look new a whole lot longer... maybe a whole generation! We don't expect anything to change, but we have voiced the objections of some others with whom we happen to agree.

We ain't going to let you down by ignoring the Jimmy Swaggart revelations. We are not supporters of the TV preachers, but don't wallow in their troubles either. We aren't shocked that one of them is less than he appears during his show, but are very surprised that this man, who scorned Jim Bakker so strongly, would get caught by the same bait! We have a hard time understanding how a man can be so successful in advocating a Christian life and yet not live it himself. We repeat a statement we made during the flap over Jim Bakker's doings, and that is that the winners in this will be the local churches, where the minister goes out and personally ministers to those in need within his community.

In this same matter, we predict that if the campaign goes on long enough, Pat Robertson will self-destruct. Now he is blaming the George Bush campaign for breaking the Swaggart story to hurt his (Robertson's) campaign for president. We agree he could get some hurt out of the matter, but come on... Swaggart is the one who was reportedly photographed going into that motel room with the woman and it was reportedly done by another TV preacher who has had a long running battle with Swaggart, including a lawsuit. As he did on this, he can't charge, Robertson is now backing out of his charges. He ain't thinking before he speaks!

Elba Rescue Squad captain Preston Kelley tells city council members that the abandoned Green Dunn building could be renovated to house the local rescue squad. The council took the request with advisement and announced it would study further options on the property.

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FFA

Elba High School FFA advisor Michael Harrelson reported that several local activities are planned during the nationwide celebration. Chapter members of the Elba High School FFA will prepare an appreciation breakfast for all teachers at the high school, and during the breakfast the FFA quartet will perform. Former FFA members will also take part in the week's activities as they are scheduled to speak to Elba

agribusiness classes to explain how FFA had an impact on their lives. Week, we will be challenged to tell our story and share the achievements of FFA members in Alabama with our communities," says Curtis Lee, state president from the Jasper FFA chapter.

Each year FFA week is held during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

Humane Society

To Meet March 1

The Coffee County Humane Society will meet Tuesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the basement of Enterprise City Hall building. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Board To Offer

Education Classes

For those needing help in improving educational skills - from learning to read and write through the GED program - the Coffee County Board of Education has a plan available to help.

Classes are held at New Hope, Shady Grove, Kinston and Elba. There is no charge for classes or supplies.

For additional information contact Douglas Green at 897-5512 or 897-2594.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported a quiet week with no arrests and only two traffic citations (driving under the influence and expired license).

Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

Activity included a report of a vehicle blocking the levee (4:18 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

Activity included a disturbance at Showtime (4:02 p.m.) and a fire at 84 East (7:18 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Activity included a wreck on County Rd. 30 (8:11 a.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

Activity included a vehicle on fire on Smith Ave. (11:48 a.m.), a drunk in public on 84 East (4:27 p.m.) and a disturbance at the Beaver Dam Restaurant (7:34 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

Activity included a wreck on Claxton and Newton (10:38 a.m.), a wreck on County Rd. 38 (6:42 p.m.) and a fight at Bourbon St. (9:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

Activity included a wreck on County Rd. 42 (5:22 p.m.).

MONDAY, FEB. 22

Activity included a disturbance at Garret St. (12:27 a.m.) and a disturbance at the Kleiner's parking lot (4:12 p.m.).

Tyson Promoted To

Rank Of Corporal

Fifty Alabama state troopers were promoted to the rank of State Trooper Corporal effective Feb. 13, and included in that number was Ernest E. Tyson, Highway Patrol, Dothan.

Promotion ceremonies were held Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Auburn University at Montgomery, Goodwyn Hall Auditorium, Room 109, at 10 a.m.

The promotions were announced by Col. Tom Wells, Alabama Dept. of Public Safety director, and follow U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson's recent approval of a consent decree regarding the 1972 trooper hiring and promotions case.

Parade vs. Wells.

Clark Cinemas

FEB. 26 - MAR 3

Bargain Matinee Sat. & Sun.

2:00 Show only Adults \$2.50

M-F 7:49-15

S&S 2:7-15

FRANCIS (R) Harrison Ford

M-F 7:49-10

S&S 2:7-10

SHOOT TO KILL - R

Sidney Poitier - Tom Bevenger

M-F 7:49

S&S 2:7-9

SATISFACTION PG-13

ACTION JACKSON

Carl Weathers - R

M-F 7:49

S&S 2:7-9

GOOD MORNING VIET NAM

Robin Williams - R

M-F 7:10-9:15

S&S 2:10-7:10-9:15

SHIRLEY HAVING A BABY PG-13

Kevin Bacon - Elizabeth McGovern

M-F 7:05 & 9:10

S&S 2:05-7:05-9:10

MOONSTRUCK

Cher & Nicolas Cage - PG

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I can't express totally how we feel at this time. We have sorrow for our loss, but we have joy for what we received from God through Brook. Brook and Chuck are special people. As her mother, I received strength and so much more from her. She was a positive person, always seeing the brighter side of a situation.

I am writing this to you, to let you and everyone know how much we appreciate all that our friends, neighbors, and family have done for us. The people Elba are remarkable. Everyone has a busy life, only in the time of need they are there for you. In our situation, everyone has been there several miles.

After the burial everyone has remembered Chuck. He has needed comfort and understanding which he has received generous amounts from all. Everyone understands that the accident was a horrible nightmare.

We want everyone to know how much we appreciate everything that has been done for us. The food, visits, calls and the many, many cards that have been sent, and all the beautiful flowers. There were several donations made to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home in Brook's memory. All of which has meant so very much to us.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Rescue Squad for the care they gave Chuck in getting him to the hospital and the effort they put out in trying to save Brook. There are no words to express our gratitude for all that everyone has done. Thank you and God Bless you.

Sincerely,
DONNIE JANICE AND CHUCK DAUGHTERY

Our community has been shaken and saddened recently by the death of fourteen-year-old Brook Daughtery. Those of us who have never experienced such a tragedy in our families know that we cannot experience the depth of loss, hurt and grief felt by the Daughtery family.

Brook's life and death touched many in our community. The response of our community to the Daughtery family during this crucial time has made a deep and favorable impression upon family, upon me, and upon others. Though we have been all overwhelmed by a sense of helplessness our community has reached out to them in efforts to help share their load of grief, and to

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ROBERT KIRKLAND
322 Plant Avenue
Elba, Alabama 36523

OBITUARIES

CLAUDE RAYMOND WHITE

Mr. Claude Raymond White of Fairburn, Ga., died Feb. 9, 1988. Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at McDaniel's Chapel with Dr. Oscar Cope officiating. Interment was in Western Cemetery in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. White was a native of Coffee County, but had lived in the Atlanta area since 1924. He was employed at the Atlanta Post Office with more than 30 years service.

He was a member of Fairburn First Baptist Church in Fairburn, Ga., and a member of Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, and the Aqoga Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a daughter: Miss Edna Earle White, Fairburn; three nieces: Mrs. Frances Price, Elba; Miss Sue Elmore, Chipley, Fla.; Mrs. Frances Nelson, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

BUNNIE MAE CARPENTER LEONARD

Mrs. Bunnie Mae Carpenter Leonard, age 78, of Gadsden, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1988, at the Holy Name of Jesus Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. from Galilee Baptist Church, Gadsden, with Rev. G.E. Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Oakdale cemetery.

Gadsden, with Watson and Sons Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include six daughters: Mrs. Frances Butler, Mrs. Ray Nell Collins, both of Gadsden; Mrs. Bernice Tyson, Mrs. Ozell Warren, both of Brooklynn, N.Y.; Mrs. Dorothy Leonard, Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Betty J. McKinnon, Washington, D.C.; one son: Charles Leonard, a son-in-law, Albert Collins, John D. McKinnon.

Archie Caldwell, age 87, Elba, died Feb. 17, 1988, in Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. from Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery, with Coleman Bros. Funeral Home directing.

Survivors included two daughters: Mrs. Lois Williams, Marilyn Hadley, both of Lake Wales, Fla.; two sons: Willie B. Caldwell, Lake Wales; M.J. Caldwell, Elba; son-in-law John Williams; sister-in-law, Queen Askew, other relatives.

Arrests Made

The Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. announced this week that Jackman and two juveniles had been apprehended in connection with a burglary that occurred recently in north Coffee County.

Jaycee Hussey, age 18, of Jack, was arrested and charged with one count of burglary first-degree, two counts of burglary third-degree, and criminal mischief, while the juveniles were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Among items recovered in connection with the investigation were guns, satellite receivers, satellite descramblers, scanners, jewelry and a radio.

Dear Editor:

I am so grateful to read and hear of all the problems with Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. I am a portion of the success of my career as a registered medical technologist to Elba General and its leaders of the past.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the high school Vocational Industrial Education program at the laboratory of Elba General when I was deciding on a career. The experiences I had convinced me to choose medical technology for some occurrences.

After completing the required education and internship to become an MT, I returned home and worked at Elba General Hospital. The administration, physicians, nurses, and all other professionals had an interest in the well-being of the patient. There were always patients on each wing of the hospital and infants in the nursery.

When I return home now and visit the lab, there is a difference. I see empty hospital rooms which are supplied with the finest equipment, empty halls, an empty nursery station and nursery. The facility is there and is kept in excellent condition. However, most of the people I remember as the hospital leaders when the rooms were occupied to capacity are no longer there.

For the sake of my family and friends who live in Elba I urge the mayor and city council to give much consideration to the future of the hospital and nursing home. I feel that with the proper leadership the hospital can once again return to its maximum potential as a healthcare facility for the citizens of Elba and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,
VIRGINIA V. TAFF, MT, ASCP
Assistant Chemistry Supervisor
The Medical Center
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Editor,

As a state representative whose constituency includes Coffee County, I strongly urge citizens of this county to vote yes on Amendment No. 2 when they cast their ballots on March 8.

There is no place in Alabama law for double standards, especially as they apply to business. Since the current wording of Article XII, Section 222 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901 discriminates against corporations whose home offices are not in Alabama, this is detrimental to a healthy business climate.

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Dear Editor:

I am so grateful to read and hear of all the problems with Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. I am a portion of the success of my career as a registered medical technologist to Elba General and its leaders of the past.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the high school Vocational Industrial Education program at the laboratory of Elba General when I was deciding on a career. The experiences I had convinced me to choose medical technology for some occurrences.

After completing the required education and internship to become an MT, I returned home and worked at Elba General Hospital. The administration, physicians, nurses, and all other professionals had an interest in the well-being of the patient. There were always patients on each wing of the hospital and infants in the nursery.

When I return home now and visit the lab, there is a difference. I see empty hospital rooms which are supplied with the finest equipment, empty halls, an empty nursery station and nursery. The facility is there and is kept in excellent condition. However, most of the people I remember as the hospital leaders when the rooms were occupied to capacity are no longer there.

For the sake of my family and friends who live in Elba I urge the mayor and city council to give much consideration to the future of the hospital and nursing home. I feel that with the proper leadership the hospital can once again return to its maximum potential as a healthcare facility for the citizens of Elba and surrounding communities.

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Nursing Home Spotlight

By Shirley Wise

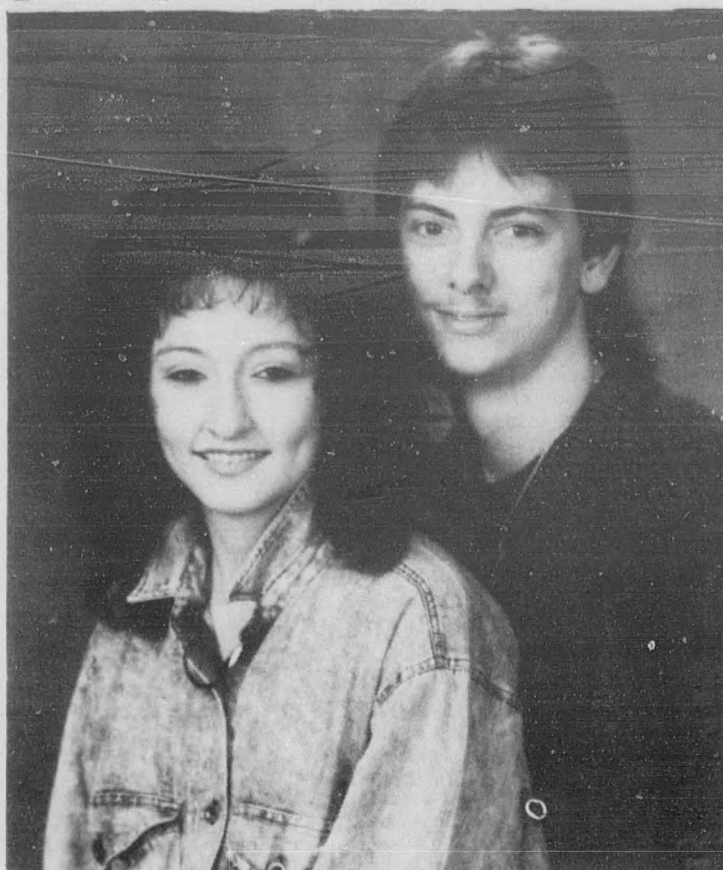
Today is Feb. 25, and a very special day in my life - a date filled with love and warm memories for 21 years ago, Jimmy and I were married. It is hard to believe that 21 years have gone by since then! And, so much happened in our lives during those 21 years - as in everyone else's also.

Thanks for letting me reminisce on this special day!

We're meeting another fine gentleman this week - a gentleman by the name of Wesley Green Bowers. We will get to know Mr. Bowers as seen through the eyes of love of his devoted wife of 50 years, Miss Flossie, who told us the following beautiful things about her husband:

"Wesley is really a good person. He was a good husband and a good father - a real hard worker. I was the one who disciplined the children," she said, laughing, "and he could hardly stand for me to get onto them! But he wanted them to mind. If they ever sassed me, then he would get on them. He didn't ever whip them, but he'd give them a good tongue-lashing."

"He enjoyed going to church and wanted to go. He was a very patient person - he loved everybody, never said anything bad about anyone. He'd always say, 'That's a good person.'"



Miss Hornsby - Mr. Brannen

Hornsby - Brannen Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hornsby of Panama City, Fla., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Stacey Lynn to Joseph Edward Brannen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brannen of Panama City.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Fletcher Cox of Slocumb, Ala. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon Mobley Sr. of Shorterville, Ala. She is a 1985 graduate of the late high school and attended Gulf Coast Community College. She is employed with Broward Hall Insurance Agency.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Brannen and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hamm, all of Panama City. He is a 1986 graduate of Monley High School and is employed with Gulf Coast Cultured Marble.

The wedding will be an event of April 16 at seven o'clock in the evening at Springfield United Methodist Church. A reception will immediately follow. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Keep portable power tools and appliances out of the reach of small children. Teach older children how to safely use electrical appliances.

Look up when you're moving tall equipment or erecting a long ladder near overhead powerlines.

Know what to do if someone receives a severe shock. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can revive many shock victims, provided it's administered within a few minutes after the incident.

Keep power and extension cords where no one will trip over them. And be sure to use extensions that are heavy enough for the job.

SEWING MACHINE CARE
Just like your car, your sewing machine needs regular care to keep it running smoothly. Here are some tips.

Clean the machine often. Threads and fluff from fabric collect in the machine as you sew and will clog the machine if allowed to build up. Brush around the feed dogs, needle plate and shuttle area after every two garments you sew.

Keep the machine covered when you're not using it, to keep dust from

Socials

Crowley - Cox To Be United In Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. James Hugh Crowley Sr. of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine Deborah to Paul Mobley Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren Cox of Elba.

The marriage will take place March 5 at seven-thirty in the evening in the Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Birmingham.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Colvin Crowley, Douglasville, Ga., and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Biddle, Birmingham.

She is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a bachelor's degree in public relations. She is employed by Equifax Services in Birmingham.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Fletcher Cox of Slocumb, Ala. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon Mobley Sr. of Shorterville, Ala.

He attended Troy State University and Jefferson State College, and was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He is employed by Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Tusculum, Ala.

Some of our members arrived on the SEATS bus and everyone got busy.

A delicious lunch was served to the following: Odell Reeves, Dixie Mae Maddox, Mattie Lou Goodson, Ruslie Blanton, Pearl Farmer, Zed Boyer, Mary Loufellow, Grace Goodson, Jean Maudlin, Myrl Burkett, Anna Straudmire, Arthur Blackman, Cora McBride, M. Boling, Weyman Snipes and Wanda Sasser.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Mallory, Michael and Anna Mallory of Andalusia will honor their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mallory (Jewell Moore) of Brundage, their 50th wedding anniversary, with a reception on Sunday, March 6, from two until three-thirty in the afternoon in the fellowship hall of Salem Baptist Church in Brundage.

All friends are invited.

The church is located at 217 South Main St., Brundage.

It is requested that gifts be omitted.

For more information call 347-2623.

Don't Ignore Safety Practices

ANGELA G. HUGHES Associate County Agent

getting inside the machine. But, don't use a plastic cover, since it will not.

Replace the needle after every two garments or when you notice skipped stitches or snags. Don't sew over pins, as that can dull or break the needle.

Don't sew off the edge of the fabric, as it causes the feed dogs and presser foot to grind against each other. If these parts become worn, the fabric may feed unevenly or snag.

Oil the machine properly, after each 8 to 12 hours of actual sewing. However, if the machine is permanently lubricated, don't oil it. Check the owner's manual for specific oiling instructions.

Washed and wrinkled cottons, rayons, silks and blends are the newest trend in spring and summer fabrics. Pre-washed and intentionally crumpled, these fabrics don't need ironing.

The degree of wrinkling varies from just slight surface creases with random water spots to something closer to a crinkled look. The garments made with the washed and wrinkled fabrics are casual - oversized T-shirts, tiered skirts and loose-fitting, slip-like sundresses with matching jackets. Details are simplified - ribbing replaces facings, waistlines are elasticized, seams are serged and hems are put in by machine.

You can even duplicate the look at home. Start with a plain-surface fabric in blouse- or dress-weight fabric. Test the effect on an oblong scarf (4" x 45") cut from the fabric. Just wash the fabric by you sew and will clog the machine if allowed to build up. Brush around the feed dogs, needle plate and shuttle area after every two garments you sew.

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NEWS FROM OUR EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 1, 1978

***One of Coffee County's most valuable citizens, William Lister Brunson, died suddenly at his home in Elba Wednesday morning, Jan. 25, of a massive heart attack. (From a memorial written by Marion Brunson).

***Miss Selena Modlin will become the bride of Mr. Roy Ellis King on April 23, 1978, at the home of the groom's parents in Elba.

***Cynthia Denise Bogar and Cecil Horace Fish Jr. were married on Feb. 13 at the home of the bride's aunt, Jean Suggs, in Apopka, Fla.

***Black and Gold Review: Winners in VICA's Nurse's Aide contest were Valinda Williams and Perry Barnes.

***Seniors of the Week - Denise Fuller and Julie Holliday. Top junior magazine salesmen - Melanie Scarborough, Lynn Norman, Joy Brunson, Beverly Hargrove.

***ZC Rebel News: The English 1 first period class gave speeches and seven students almost died a natural death! Some of the speeches were: "A Home on the Stage" by Donna McWaters; Ironing Blue Jeans - Lisa Ammons; Changes and Improvements in Football Equipment - Kim Leveitt and Leslie Hussey; Changes in Music (classical and rock demonstrated) - Donna Seanor and Sheila Bundy; Crocheting - Sheila Kelley.

***Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dyess announce the birth of a daughter, Krista Leann, Tuesday at Gibson's Hospital in Enterprise. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boland are the proud parents of a daughter, Melorie, born Saturday at Elba General Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs. 7 oz.

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Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

At a weekly newspaper it's hard to scoop anyone on a news story, and when it comes to sports, scheduling often makes it impossible to keep up to date with all the games that are played. As this week's sub-state ball games are played, I'll do my best to provide the best coverage possible and keep all the readers informed, but please remember that sometimes the best is saved for last!

ELBA TIGERS FINISH SEASON WITH 5-15 RECORD

The Elba Tigers battled the highly-favored Louisville Red Devils down to the wire Thursday night in the opening round of an Area tournament, and with the loss ended the season with a disappointing 5-15 record.

Before the season began many fans agreed that the Tigers would be hard-pressed to win five games, but as the players began to settle down it was obvious the team was better than expected, and the potential was there for many more wins than recorded a year ago. Elba played several teams much tougher than expected as the season progressed, and even won three straight games during one stretch; however, even though the effort was there it was painfully clear that the talent level wasn't, and the result was a second straight 5-15 record at a school famous for success in all sports.

The back-to-back record of 10-30 has a lot of people talking about what it will take to return the Tigers to their place atop the local sports world, and while I too love to see Elba win in everything, sometimes it just doesn't happen - and we all have to be gracious losers. Coach Kennedy and his players were all disappointed with the losing season, and while all we did was sit and watch the team play, Coach Kennedy and his team put in many hours of work in an attempt to be better, it just never seemed to come together!

Taking one last look back at the Tigers' season, I'd have to say that Jason Johnson had an excellent season and proved just what kind of all-around athlete he is. Johnson displayed his football skills in leading the Tigers to the playoffs and in basketball played well every night out despite having to play just about every position on the court. Jason is also a very good baseball player and if he decides to hit the field, go watch him play - he's one of the best we've had here in many years!

NEW BROCKTON AND KINSTON ADVANCE IN BASKETBALL

The high school basketball season is heading down the home stretch, and as the sub-state tournament opened this week both New Brockton and Kinston were still alive in their hunt for a state title. The two county teams are famous for their success in basketball, but this year they took different paths to post action tournaments and here's a quick look at last week's action:

New Brockton was a prohibitive favorite heading into the 2A, Area 5 event and while the Gamecocks claimed the area crown as predicted, they had to battle until the final buzzer to disprove of Coosen. The scare may have done the Gamecocks good in that they now know they can be beaten on any night, but it may have also showed other teams that New Brockton is a sure bet to reach the sub-state finals on Friday night; however, it looks like the Friday clash could be the toughest in years because it looks like Hotville could be the opponent and you can bet the folks up at Hotville remember last year's overtime loss to the Gamecocks in a game in which the clock didn't work. If the Friday night clash is as expected - watch out!!!

Kinston has become a popular saying in pro sports that "It's not over until the fat lady sings," and while that saying may be true, I thought up another saying while watching Kinston defeat Brantley last Tuesday night. How's this, Bulldog fans - "It's not over until Mitch starts dancing!" I'm referring to the dance done by a Kinston fan during last week's game that drew the attention of people on both sides of the court, and I can assure you I'm not making fun of anyone - just giving Mitch the publicity he deserves.

Kinston surprised everyone but the most loyal Bulldog fans last week as it pulled two upsets in claiming the 1A, Area 4 championship for the second straight year. The Bulldogs were all but given up for dead this year as their record slipped to 9-14, one of the worst since Coach Pete Kelley arrived, but while the record was bad, the team was still the same team that almost beat county rival New Brockton three times and was ranked No. 2 in the state after three weeks of the season. When Kinston wins in Kinston it's never an upset - so I think last week's wins weren't upsets - just a matter of the Bulldogs playing like they have been taught!

DON'T MISS THE SOFTBALL DOUBLE-HEADER SUNDAY

I know that everyone doesn't like softball, but Sunday afternoon people from across the area will have the opportunity to see the "best" softball team in the world play in Elba and even sports fans should make plans to come out and see the Steele's Silver Bullets in action. This team played in 41 states last year and was featured on TV and in *Sports Illustrated* last year based on their success and travels. The players on the team are from all over the country and hit home-runs like others hit singles!

I'll admit that the chances of the local challengers from Elba and Andalusia upsetting the Steele's squad are slim and none; but not everyone gets to see a world's champion in any sport and this is a chance you need to take advantage of. See ya there!

Umpires To Meet Sunday In Elba

The Elba Umpires Association is now seeking new members to umpire baseball and softball during the upcoming season. Members of the association umpire all baseball and softball games in Elba and also umpire softball tournaments throughout south Alabama. All members are required to attend clinics and meetings during the season and will also be required to pass a national umpire test in both sports.

The first meeting of the Association will be on Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School gymnasium and all prospective umpires are urged to attend.

For more information, call Ricky Mularz, 897-5977 (after 5:30 p.m.).



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Softball Champs To Play In Elba Sunday

The Steele's Silver Bullets, co-sponsored by Steele's Sports Company of Grafton, Ohio and Coors Light of Golden, Colorado, will be making their first appearance of the year in the state of Alabama on Sunday, Feb. 28, when they take the field in Elba, Alabama to battle two area teams.

The Silver Bullets began the 1988 40-state tour on Feb. 23 in Panama City, Florida and before the season is complete in September the world champions will play in such stadiums as the Seattle, Washington Kingdome, prior to a major league game between the Seattle Mariners and Detroit Tigers.

A look down the roster of the Silver Bullets reads like a "Who's Who" in the world of softball with such names as Craig Elliott, a 46, 300 pounder who batted .706 last season with 661 home-runs and once hit five homers in a single inning; Mike Macenko, a 6-3, 265 pound slugger who set world record last year with 844 home-runs and 1,534 runs batted in; Scott Virkus, a 6-6, 280 pounder who hit 680 home-runs and 197 doubles while also driving in 1,171 runs; Doug Robertson, a small player at only 60, 225 pounds, who belted out 672 home-runs and collected 1,272 RBIs and once hit two grand-slams in one inning and big Monty Tucker,

who at 6-8, 308 pounds is the biggest player on the roster and last season hit 413 homers and knocked in 868 runs.

Other Steele's players hitting over 500 home-runs during the '87 season were Mike Bolen (554), Ricky Huggins (565), Kenny Dain (506) and Ron Parnell (528). Newcomers this year include Billy Blake (6-1, 265), Ted Cox (6-4, 260), Ken Loei (6-3, 245), Ernest Montgomery (6-1, 210) and Terry Perryman (5-11, 205).

Last season the Steele's squad won tournaments in North Carolina, Nevada, Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Tennessee, South Carolina, Michigan, Texas, Iowa, not counting the bivy of wins piled up during the tour.

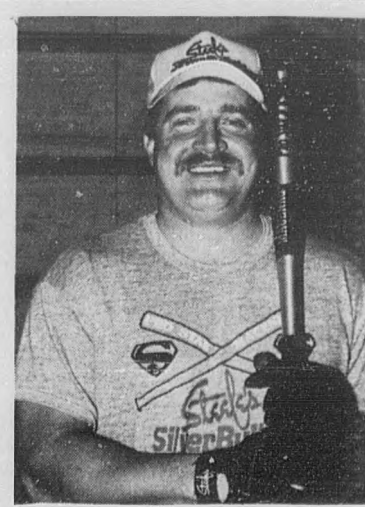
Team highlights during the 1987 season were many, with perhaps the top being the record of 340 wins and 15 losses, making the team the first in softball history to win over 300 games in a season. The record of 6,690 home-runs is the most talked about everywhere the Silver Bullets travel, as is the team's .695 batting average. The single game record that many feel could be broken at Elba's 275-foot field is the record of 108 runs in a single game, while another record almost sure to be broken Sunday afternoon will be the single game mark of 63 home-runs!

During the past year Steele's made their mark on the softball world and other marks that deem mention include - 26 home-runs in an inning; 10 home-runs in succession; 40 runs in one inning (twice); 30 straight hits; 471 innings of 10 or more runs being scored in 97 straight wins.

Individual records have already been mentioned during the introduction of the players, but other records worth knowing include - 9 home-runs in one game by Mike Macenko and Craig Elliott; 5 home-runs in one inning by Craig Elliott; 17 grand-slams by Doug Robertson; 23 runs batted in during a seven-inning stretch by Craig Elliott and 49 RBIs in one game by three players.

Mike Cartley, the guidance counselor at Elba High School and an avid softball player, organized the event and will lead his team "Hickman Movers-Bell Welding" against Steele's in the opener, while Coach Norman Trucking will meet the champs in the second contest.

The event will be sponsored by Rauts Auto Sav. of Elba, Comfort Inn, of Enterprise; Playmaker Sporting Goods, of Enterprise and Troy and the Elba Recreation Department. An admission charge of \$2 per person will be in effect to help defray expenses.



Mike Macenko To

Lead Steele's Against

Local Opponents

When the Steele's Silver Bullets softball team takes the field this weekend at the Hawkins-Williams Recreation Park, in Elba, all eyes will be on Steele's Mike Macenko as the 6-3, 265 pound slugger begins his encore season after compiling the best statistics in the history of softball during the 1987 campaign!

Macenko, a resident of Brunswick, Ohio, registered a gaudy .744 batting average during the season of '87 as he collected 1,444 hits in 1,940 at bats and the hard-hitting lefty shattered the single season record for both home-runs and runs-batted-in as he pounded out 844 home-runs and knocked in 1,534 runs during the 350 games in which he played.

"Mighty Mike" prides himself in hitting tape-measure shots and last season hit a total of 62 homers in the 59 games that were played in baseball parks. Two championship series were played in baseball parks with portable fences and Macenko hit 20 home-runs that sailed over the baseball walls.

Now in his sixth year with Steele's, Macenko was the most valuable player in both the ASA and ISA national tournaments last season and won his second straight MVP trophy in the prestigious Smoky Mountain Classic.

During his banner '87 season Macenko once hit 9 home-runs in a single game and twice hit 8 round-trippers in a game. His top single game RBI total was 17 and in one outing he collected 10 RBIs in a single inning in which he hit a grand-slam and two three-run homers. The powerful Ohio native hit 15 home-runs during a double-header and twice during the year hit 4 homers in a single inning, while hitting three homers in an inning a total of 11 times. During a three-game stretch he hit 11 straight home-runs and had a hitting streak of 172 games.

Complete statistics for the 1987 season revealed that Macenko batted a total of 1,940 times, collecting 1,444 hits and scoring 1,389 runs. He also hit 140 doubles, 28 triples and 844 home-runs, while collecting 1,534 runs batted in.

Every player on the Steele's Silver Bullets is worth the price of admission, but the softball fans will certainly never forget Mike Macenko and his awesome display of softball talent.

Jason Johnson scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Kenneth Reed scored 13 points for Louisville and Johnny McRae added 11.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:
Clayton 34
Louisville 23

The Clayton Tigers pulled away in the second half to post an impressive 34-23 win over the Cardinals.

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And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience;

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); . . .

Eph. 2:1-5
The Leonard family, Mr. Rayfield Carpenter, Mrs. Nunie Kelley, Mrs. Hannah Coleman, the Caldwell family.

Delrose Chapter 65A Royal Arch Mason will celebrate Zeruababel Day at Macedonia Baptist Church in Lockhart, Rev. J. J. Culliver, pastor, Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Master of order is James E. Flowers; theme - Who Is A Royal Arch; devotion by Companion Carpenter Lewis, Matthew Coleman; Welcome to the city - Bro. Milton Owens, church welcome - George Edmond Wilson; companion - J. L. Williams; public grand order - H.P.H. J.D. Shakespeare; Scripture and prayer - Rev. Safford; speaker - Rev. A. D. Bell, St. John Baptist Church.

Program Committee: Companion - A. Z. Stoudmire; companion - George Wilson; companion - B.J. Stallworth; guest chorus - St. John Male Chorus, Florida.

The Mulberry District Association annual observance of Church Mission and Black History Month was held Sunday night, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building, Hwy. 166 in Elba.

The singing of the National Negro Hymn by the audience was sung loud and clear. The Scripture invocation, singing by combined choirs of the Association, welcome, address by Mrs. Linda Hale, tribute to honorees, Mrs. Alice Freecy, poem, "Mother to Son," Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, introduction of speaker - Rev. Willie Peterson. The hymn "Amazing Grace" (1 personally like to call this hymn, "O 100") was sung by the audience. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Abdul Muhammad, Andalusia.

The theme for Black History Month: "The Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans into the 21st Century."

Honorees were Rev. J.L. Caldwell, Mr. Tillman Lindsey, Mr. Rayfield Carpenter, Mr. Jimmie C. Brooks, Mr. Pete Daniels, Mr. Ardis Williams, Rev. Stevens, Mr. Willie Williams, Mr. Mose Batie, Mrs. M.O. Patton was pianist, and Mrs. Gladys Yelverton was emcee. Rev. J.G. Chatham - moderator.

The audience was dismissed by singing, "We Shall Overcome."

Poem from "Black History" publication was presented by Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, assisted by D'Andre Peterson, portraying the son.

MOTHER TO SON
Well, son, I'll tell you;

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair,
It had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor - bare.

I've been a'climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark,
Where there ain't been no light.

So, boy, don't you turn back,
Don't you set down on the steps,
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now -
For I'st still goin' honey,
I'st still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Tillman Lindsey and Eria M. Belcher, Elba, Attorney Milton and Betty Belcher, Montgomery, traveled to Tusculum Feb. 17, Papa Tillman and Eria were guests of Otis and Joyce Johnson, Theo and Kathy of Tusculum, and Milton and Betty traveled to Decatur, where he was guest speaker at Somerville Road School's annual Black History Month program.

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And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience;

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); . . .

Eph. 2:1-5
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Delrose Chapter 65A Royal Arch Mason will celebrate Zeruababel Day at Macedonia Baptist Church in Lockhart, Rev. J. J. Culliver, pastor, Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Master of order is James E. Flowers; theme - Who Is A Royal Arch; devotion by Companion Carpenter Lewis, Matthew Coleman; Welcome to the city - Bro. Milton Owens, church welcome - George Edmond Wilson; companion - J. L. Williams; public grand order - HHP, J. D. Shakespeare; Scripture and prayer - Rev. Safford; speaker - Rev. A. D. Bell, St. John Baptist Church.

Program Committee: Companion - A. Z. Stoudmire; companion - George Wilson; companion - B. J. Stallworth; guest chorus - St. John Male Chorus, Florida.

The Mulberry District Association annual observance of Church Mission and Black History Month was held Sunday night, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building, Hwy. 166 in Elba.

The singing of the National Negro Hymn by the audience was sung loud and clear. The Scripture invocation, singing by combined choirs of the Association, welcome, address by Mrs. Linda Hale, tribute to honorees, Mrs. Alice Freecy, poem, "Mother to Son," Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, introduction of speaker - Rev. Willie Peterson. The hymn "Amazing Grace" (1 personally like to call this hymn, "O 100") was sung by the audience. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Abdul Muhammad, Andalusia.

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The audience was dismissed by singing, "We Shall Overcome."

"Poem from 'Black History'" publication was presented by Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, assisted by D'Andre Peterson, portraying the son.

MOTHER TO SON
Well, son, I'll tell you;

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair,
It had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor - bare;
And you know what life has been like,
Life for me ain't been no light.

So, boy, don't you turn back,
Don't you set down on the steps,
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now -
For I'st still goin' home,
I'st still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

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County election officials keeping fingers crossed that voters will understand options

While many national political experts have labeled March 8 as "Super Tuesday," voting officials in Alabama and Coffee County will just be glad when the presidential preference and amendment elections are over and have their fingers crossed that the election won't be remembered as "Terrible Tuesday."

"What the people have are actually three elections," stated county election supervisor Nell Harvison, "and the voters may vote in one or two, but not in three! If a voter wishes to vote for a Democratic candidate and delegates, he/she must sign the Democratic list before voting and then sign a second form if he/she wishes to vote on the amendments."

"A voter who wants to vote for a Republican presidential candidate must sign the Republican list and then may vote for the candidate of his choice, and from the long list of delegates from the Congressional district, and from an even longer list of at-large delegates."

"If a voter wishes to cast votes for 17 of the 157 at-large Republican delegates, he must do so on a paper ballot upon completion of the remainder of the voting. A Republican may also vote on the statewide amendments by signing the amendment list."

"While a voter must declare a party and sign a list identifying him/herself as a member of either the Democratic or Republican party, a voter who signs the Republican list may disqualify himself from voting this June in the Democratic

primary, which is when candidates in the county commission election will have their names on the ballot."

While the commission and county election is actually a primary, it is a primary for the Democrats, and a registering Republican may be breaking the law if he/she votes Republican in next week's election and then votes again in the county election in June, which is a Democratic election.

"Voters need to read a lot about the consequences in coming days before casting their ballots in next Tuesday's election," warned Mrs. Harvison. "While the law may change before June, as it now stands, it will not be legal to vote for a Republican candidate for president and on a candidate's list of delegates and then vote in the county election this June when the Democrats choose their candidates."

"It is confusing and many people could lose their local voting right, but that's the way it is."

A problem that will be unique to Coffee County, but may cause just as much havoc as the statewide voting controversy, concerns where voters in Districts 1 and 3 will vote if they live in Beat 6. The county commission recently re-

districted its boundaries after a court order to add a commissioner from a predominantly black district, and after doing so, was forced to completely revamp its district lines, which resulted in Beat 6 being split into two districts.

All voters residing in District 1 will vote in the National Guard Armory located on the Airport Road, while the remaining Beat 6 voters will cast their ballots as usual at the Army Reserve Center on Claxton Ave.

While Elba residents need to check at the registrar's office to find clarification of exactly where they are to vote, a brief description of Elba residents now residing in District 1 is that all those living outside the boundaries of the bypass and those residents living in Brookdale are in the district (1).

A voter who attempts to vote at the wrong site will be asked to go to the other voting location to cast their ballot, and any voter who does not have their name on the list of qualified voters at either of the two locations may go to the registrar's office and if the name was simply omitted by mistake, a certificate will be issued making the voter eligible to cast a ballot at the proper location.

Elba residents must re-identify to vote in August city election

Elba Mayor Bob English has announced that everyone wishing to cast a ballot in the upcoming city election in August must re-identify at City Hall.

According to English, the entire present poll list for the city will be eliminated, and

only those voters who re-identify will be eligible to vote in the August city election. For more information and details on requirements and qualifications, contact City Hall at 897-2333.



Running as local delegates for Richard Gephardt for President campaign on March 8 are (l-r): Mrs. Mary Holley, Circuit Judge Terry Butts and his wife Suzie, presidential candidate Gephardt, and State Rep. Jimmy Holley. Judge and Mrs. Butts are chairmen of the 2nd Congressional District Gephardt for President campaign. Mrs. Judy Brooks and Rep. Holley are local co-chairmen of the Coffee County Gephardt for President committee.

Elba residents included on Gephardt steering committee

Coming off a decisive victory in the South Dakota primary, Democratic presidential candidate Congressman Richard A. Gephardt (D-MO), has announced his statewide steering committee for the "Super Tuesday" countdown.

Gephardt, the Democratic frontrunner, named 88 of his key Alabama supporters to the committee. United States Congressman Ben Erdreich of Birmingham, and Ronnie Flippo of Florence will serve as co-chairs for the steering committee. Alabama State Sen. Roger Bedford of

Russellville will serve as state treasurer. Congressman Gephardt also announced the campaign's Congressional district chairs: Hon. Freida Roberts, first district; Judge Terry Butts, second district; State Sen. Danny Corbett, third district; J.D. Snoddy, fourth district; Russ McDonald, fifth district; State Sen. Jim Bennett, sixth district; and Sara Skeeton McElreath, seventh district.

Others on the committee include: Rep. Jimmy Holley, Elba; Marion Hanley, Greenville.

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Mrs. Evelyn W. Hocutt, absentee election manager for Coffee County, announces that March 3, 1988, is the last day voters may apply for absentee ballot.

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Office hours are 8 - 5 each day, Monday through Friday.

Child support collections reach all-time high

The Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources released its monthly bulletin last week for the month of February, and in the report county director Ronald Smith stated that while January was "another good month" for the department, the workers had settled into a "slower pace."

Smith also reported that he had attended a reception for Mrs. Nell Harvison in honor of her 30 years of service in the office of the probate judge, and attended a retirement reception for Mrs. Virginia Mills, who had served as Human Resource director in Covington County for many years.

Food Stamp Program supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in January the office had issued stamps to a total of 1,205 households, with total members of the households being 3,065 and the total amount of the stamps issued totaling \$131,071. Sixty-six new food stamp cases were approved during the month and twelve were denied.

Mrs. Jones reported that during the month of January the certification workers in the office processed over 342 monthly report forms and 542 changes, in addition to certifications, computer printout investigations, taking phone calls, meeting

with walk-in clients and the routine completion of forms in the certification process.

"The Coffee County Food Stamp office presently has two certification workers," stated Mrs. Jones, "and according to new staff standards the county should have 4-7 workers to meet the needs of the office. I am very pleased with the dedicated staff at the office and, despite the adversities worked under, the office continues to work at a rate of zero concerning errors."

Service Unit supervisor Cathie Hansen reported that in the past month the county unit investigated a total of 29 abuse reports, with five of the reports involving adult abuse and the remainder being juvenile.

The juvenile investigations included reports of physical abuse - 5, sexual abuse - 3, and neglect - 16. During the past year the unit reported it had investigated 299 cases of child abuse/neglect, with a finding of actual abuse or neglect being found in 129 cases. The total of 299 cases was down from a four-year high of 322 in 1986.

It was also reported that Myrna Rhoades, Natalie Kimble and Mrs. Hansen attended the Regional Foster Care Network meeting recently, and that in the future foster parents, workers and supervisors from the 13 county area will meet quarterly to plan new methods of foster parent recruiting and training.

Area counties included among 61 designated disaster areas

Gov. Guy Hunt announced last week that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has designated 61 Alabama counties as natural disaster areas because of damage they sustained in 1987's 11-month drought.

Drought conditions from Jan. through Nov., 1987, caused widespread crop damage to soybeans, hay, pastures and peanuts. On Jan. 8, 1988, Hunt asked the agriculture department to declare 53 counties as disaster areas, thus making low-interest loans available to farmers through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

After reviewing damage assessment reports for the 53 counties, the Dept. of

Agriculture determined that 31 of them had sustained sufficient damage to warrant a "primary-county" disaster designation. Thirty other contiguous counties were also included in the declaration, Hunt said.

Among the 31 primary counties were Butler, Henry and Pike, while the 30 contiguous counties included Bullock, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale and Houston.

For information on applying for drought disaster assistance in a given county, contact the FmHA office in that county.

Change of venue request denied

Circuit Judge Gary McAuley announced this week that he had denied a motion for a change in venue in the case of an Elba man charged with one count of capital murder and four counts of second-degree forgery.

Attorneys for Willie Simmons Jackson (alias Billy Boy), accused in the beating death and robbery of an elderly Elba man in July, 1987, requested the change of venue and hearings were conducted earlier this week in the matter, with a number of

witnesses called to the stand.

After hearing the testimony and pleas by the attorneys, Judge McAuley took the request under advisement and Tuesday announced he had denied the request.

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Also, Elba Lions are currently sponsoring a poster design contest at the Elba Middle School to promote drug awareness and educate the public to "say no" to this national menace.

Plans are to have some of these posters displayed at the pancake breakfast.

Elba Lions member at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Free blood tests are again being offered at the event.

Also, the deposit box for old eye glasses will be moved to the elementary school during the breakfast, so that citizens may still donate their old glasses.

"Remember," say the Lions, "what might be useless to you could

Pancake breakfast set for March 5 from 6:00 - 10:00

The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m.

Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Farris and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make this a "better than ever" fund-raising effort for sight conversation, according to a spokesman for the group.

Tickets are available from any

Courts to aid in collecting payments from absent parents

Mr. Ron Smith, director, Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources, has stated that March has been designated as "Project Pay-up Month" by the State Dept. of Human Resources, and that each county in Alabama must submit a plan to the State Dept. of Human Resources regarding activities planned during the month.

The director stated that Coffee County's plan calls for the setting of four court dates in order to hear cases of absent parents who are in arrears with their child support payments.

Judge Gary McAuley set today (March 3) for Elba, and March 31 for Enterprise, to hear these cases. Judge Thomas Head has set March 22 for Elba, and March 21 for Enterprise. Smith stated that the Child Support Program has been very successful mainly because of the dedicated work of Judge McAuley and Judge Head.

The director reported that the Child Support Program is a cooperative effort by the courts, the district attorney's office, and the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources. He stated that there was excellent teamwork and cooperation between these three agencies and added that it was only by working cooperatively that such a good program exists in Coffee County.

Smith reported that in addition to the setting of court dates for the hearing of contempt cases, letters of appreciation will be sent to all employers who have cooperated in obtaining child support payments from their employees.

Mrs. Cheryl Harrison, assistant district attorney for Coffee and Pike Counties, stated that all parties receiving a summons to appear in court on the designated dates needed to keep in mind that if they are in arrears, their property can be seized as part of their child support obligation.

Mrs. Harrison stated that property records are now being checked and anyone owning property such as cars, as well as other assets, needed to be aware that this property can be used in meeting child support payments.

She also reported that she will be at the courthouse on the dates of March 3, 21, 22 and 31, to negotiate with people owing child support. The negotiations will take place prior to the time of the court hearing for anyone wishing to negotiate a settlement. All cases that are not settled in the negotiations will be carried over to the court hearing.

Mother of candidate to be in Elba

Mrs. Lorene Gephardt, mother of presidential candidate Richard Gephardt, will be in Elba this afternoon (Thurs., March 3) at 1:30, according to Circuit Judge Terry Butts, who, along with his wife Suzie, is serving as 2nd Congressional District coordinators for the Gephardt campaign.

Butts said Mrs. Gephardt will arrive at the Elba courthouse, be given a tour of the old restored facility and then talk with citizens upstairs in the main courtroom.

An ad in this issue of The Elba Clipper urges voters to support Gephardt by voting for delegates Terry and Suzie Butts and Jimmy and Mary Holley, all from Elba.

Elba sixth-grade class to present play

Mrs. Smith's sixth-grade class will present a play, "The Haunting of Halloway House," on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Admission is \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase a computer for the reading class.

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